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In response to the Request for Sequence Listing mailed November 9, 2001, please consider and enter the following comments and amendments.

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Please place the Sequence Listing after the abstract.

On page 39, please replace paragraph two:

Example 2

Amino Acid Sequence Analysis of Precursor Phenol Oxidizing Enzyme

Stachybotrys chartarum phenol oxidizing enzyme prepared as disclosed in Example 1 was subjected to SDS polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis and isolated. The isolated fraction was treated with urea and iodoacetamide and digested by the enzyme endoLysC. The fragments resulting from the endoLysC digestion were separated via HPLC (reverse phase monobore C18 column, CH3CN gradient) and collected in a multititer plate. The fractions were analysed by MALDI for mass determination and

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